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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
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12/12/2007: Jerry, WB9Z will be active vacation style as PJ2/WB9Z from Signal Point, Curacao (SA-006, WLOTA L-0942), December 12-25th. Look for activity on all bands. QSL via home call. [CCC]

14/12/2007: After almost one year of hard working with Palestinian authorities a callsign E4/OM2DX was issued. A team of 4 operators, namely Mike/OM2DX, Steve/OM3JW, Rudy/OM3PC and Miro/OM5RW are planning to settle in Bethlehem from December 14-22nd. They will be active on all bands from 160-10m using CW, SSB and RTTY with two stations. QSL via OM3JW. More info at: www.om2dx.com/e4.html [K1XN & The GOLIST]

14/12/2007: The YW6YL DXpedition to Chimana Grande Island (SA-090, DIV-008 for the Venezuela Islands Award), organized by the 4M5DX group, will take place December 14-18th. This will be the second YL only DXpedition undertaken. Operators include Andreina/YY4AND, Carolina/YY4CVI, Laura/YY4LCG, Maika/YY5ALO and Ydorca/YY5EVA. The location will be on Chimana Grande Island (Anzo?tegui State Group SA-090) and the Isla Chimana lighthouse (WLOTA L-2062, ARLHS VEN-030). QSL via IT9DAA, direct preferred but bureau OK. Further information can be found at: www.yw6yl.4m5dx.org/ [DX IS!]

15/12/2007: Tony, 3D2AG/F05RK reports that his trip to Rotuma Island (OC-060) is scheduled from December 15, 2007 to January 20, 2008, using the call sign 3D2AG/p. He will be active on 10-80 metre SSB and CW, plus digital modes if local power conditions allow him to use a computer. Tony will use Spiderbeam antennas, solar panels and/or a generator and no linear amplifier. QSL via 3D2AG / F05RK in QRZ.com (c/o Sam Torope Box 3040 Noumea, 98846, New-Caledonia) direct only. Updates will be available at www.3d2ag.fr.tc/ [425 DX News]

15/12/2007: Look for Mo?se, F5IUZ/p to be active December 15th from the Sommet du Douard (SOTA F/CR-243, 496m, 1 point, WW Loc. JN23TG) located in the C?tes-du-Rh?ne region. Activity will start around 1000 UTC for about 2 hours, CW only on 7.032 and 10.116 MHz (+/- QRM). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F5NQL]

15/12/2007: Fran?ois/F5JNE, and G?rard/F6ICG, will be active December 15th as F5JNE/p from the Castle of Surgy (DFCF 58-087), in the City of Surgy (CP 58500) and Canton [County] of Clamecy (DCF 58-05), Department of Ni?vre/58, Province of Burgundy (DPF 05). In the same area is located the Monks Mill (Moulin des Moines), which counts for the French Mills award (DMF). For this mill it will be a new activity (1st in June 2005). Fran?ois will be able to give this reference 58-018, if needed with the Castle one. As usually, starting around 0700 UTC, 80 then 40m, CW and SSB. QSL via the bureau is preferred and SWL cards are welcome. [F5NQL]

15/12/2007: Jim, KA3UNQ plans to activate several lighthouses in the State of Maryland on December 15th. Look for him to be at Hawkins Point

(ARLHS USA-083), Brewerton Lower Range (ARLHS USA-1103), Fort Carroll (ARLHS USA-290), Leading Point (ARLHS USA-084) and Brewerton Upper Range (ARLHS USA-1104). Activity will be between 1400 to 1930 UTC on 3990, 7235 and 14270 kHz (+/- QRM). QSL direct to home call (CBA) with SASE. [ARLHS]

15/12/2007: Dan, KD3CQ (ARLHS member #979) will be active December 15th as homecall/p from Jones Point lighthouse, VA (ARLHS USA-409). Activity will start around 1330z on 7.270 (7.230 - 7.280) and 14.270 MHz (+/- QRM), for about an hour or so. After this activation Dan will south to Maryland and plans to activate Upper Cedar Point lighthouse (USA-867) and/or Mathias Point Shoal lighthouse (USA-483) around 1600z. QSL direct to home call with SASE and/or SAE plus postage. [KD3CQ]

15/12/2007: Jakob/OZ7AEI, Flemming/OZ5FM and possibly others plan to activate the 4 lighthouses of Aggertange, located on Vensyssel/Thy Island (EU-171, DIA NJ-001) on December 15th. They hope to operate with 2 stations at the same time (20m and 40m). Lighthouses will be: Langholm Bagfyr [Range Rear] (ARLHS DEN-081), Langholm Forfyr [Range Front] (ARLHS DEN-082), Agger Tange Forfyr [Range Front] (ARLHS DEN-190) and Agger Tange Bagfyr [Range Rear] (ARLHS DEN-191). Jakob's web site (oz7aei.qrz.dk/) will be updated December 14th with a time-schedule at each lighthouse and calls used. All QSLs via home call, direct or bureau (Jakob's new address is ok on QRZ.com). On his web site you will find info about activity in the future, pictures, movies etc. [DE0MST]

16/12/2007: Steve, G0UIH plans to be active as VK2IAY/4 from Great Keppel Island (OC-142), December 16-22nd. As with previous DXpeditions the main operation will be centered around 14.260 MHz, with the possibility of 15 and 17m also. Equipment will be the 706MK2G used previously on VK and 3D2 activations with homebrew wire dipoles. QSL route is fine either direct or via the bureau. Check out the website for further details at: www.percy.me.uk/ [RSGB IOTA]

17/12/2007: Marty, W2CG, will be vacationing in Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA L-0033) between December 17-31st and will be active as P40CG. Operating time will be limited to early mornings/late evenings. His activity will be on 80-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via his home call sign or LoTW. [OPDX]

17/12/2007: Yutaka, JQ2GYU (T88YU), Mihoko, JJ2VLY (T88LY) and their 13-year-old son Koki, JE1PGS (T88GS) will be active from Palau (OC-009), December 17-22nd. Expect activity on 6-80 metre CW and SSB during their mornings and evenings. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

17/12/2007: Members of the Grupo DX Caracas are organizing the first ever DXpedition/Trek to Triple Point, Mount Roraima, Venezuela, frontier landmark between Venezuela, Guyana and Brasil. Look for special event station YW6R to be active the 3rd and 4th week of December, on HF and VHF. The Grupo DX Caracas DXpedition is open to all the radio amateurs of Venezuela and abroad, their families and friends, who wish to share a different adventure to the marvelous world of Venezuelan nature at the Gran Sabana. Complete details are available on the Web at: gdx.org/ [OPDX]

22/12/2007: Luis, CT3EE will activate CT9EPC, a special call sign for the EPC (European PSK Club) members on Madeira Island (AF-014, DIP MA-001, WLOTA L-0053), between December 22-28th. Activity will be mainly

on 40/20 metres because of propagation. The call sign CT9EPC is used only on the digital modes, and the main objective is to have more activity on these modes. QSL direct to CT3EE (see QRZ.com) and not to the bureau (he is not a member of the Portuguese National QSL bureau). [OPDX]

22/12/2007: The Club Station of the Texas Lighthouse Radio Society, W5TLH will activate several lighthouses along the Texas Gulf Coast between December 22-29th for the "Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party". Lighthouses include: Texas Maritime Museum (ARLHS USA-1247), Corpus Christi (ARLHS USA-1137), Lydia Ann Channel (ARLHS USA-018, IOTA NA-092, USi TX-001S), Port Isabel (ARLHS USA-649, USi TX-038S), Brazos Santiago [New] (ARLHS USA-080), Brazos Santiago [Old] (ARLHS USA-081, IOTA NA-092, USi TX-007S) and Brazos Santiago Depot (ARLHS USA-1393). Primary SSB operating frequencies will be centered near 14.260 and 7.260 MHz. QSL direct with SASE to W5TLH, c/o Jim Martin, 637 Newberry Dr., Richardson, TX 75080-5622. For a QSL card use a #10 business size return envelope (SASE). For a QSL card and an unfolded certificate send a 9" x 12" return envelope (SASE). Further information can be found at: www.w5azn.com/ [ARLHS]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

01/01/2008: Special event station 8J70ZE will be aired between January 1st and September 30th to commemorate "The Birth of Oze National Park". Opened on August 30, 2007, the park is an area consisting of wetlands and mountains in Chubu, Japan. The park's area includes the marshes and the mountains in the Oze area, formerly part of the Nikko National Park, and other nearby areas including the Aizu-Komagatake and Tashiroyama mountains. The park is 37,200-hectares in area and includes parts of Fukushima, Tochigi, Gunma and Niigata prefectures. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/01/2008: The special event call sign EI100SI will be aired from January 1 to December 31, 2008 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts in Ireland. QSL info will be available on QRZ.com. [F5NQL]

01/01/2008: Lions Clubs International, the world's largest volunteer service organization, will be sponsoring an amateur radio special event station to be operated by Great Britain's Bedworth Lions Club January 1-28th. The station will operate on 2 metre FM and 80-10 metre SSB with the call sign GB4BLC. Additionally for 2008, contacts via amateur satellite are planned. QSL via G8GMU, direct or via the RSGB bureau. Further details at: www.bedworthlionsclub.co.uk/evawa.htm [Southgate ARC]

15/01/2008: Peter, HA3AUI reports that he will be leaving for Africa just after the New Year, 2008. During the period of January 15th and April 15th he will be QRV from Senegal (6W/, 6W2SC) and Guinea-Bissau (J5/, J5UAP). Activity will be mainly digital modes, with some SSB, on 160-10m from 6W, 30-10m from J5. This will be a spare time, but long operation. QSL via HA3AUI, direct or by the bureau. [NG3K]

18/01/2008: Unni, LA6RHA plans to be QRV from Svalbard [Spitsbergen Island] (EU-026, WLOTA L-0125) using the call sign JW6RHA between January 18th and 24th. She will try to be on 14.248 MHz or down. This will be Unni's 16th time on JW-land. QSL is via LA6RHA. [NG3K]

26/01/2008: Jim, W7EJ will be active as CN2R, a Single-Op/High-Power entry from Morocco, during the CQ 160-Metre CW Contest (January 26-27th). QSL via W7EJ. [NG3K]

13/02/2008: Operators Stan/AC8W, Hank/K8DD, Jim/KB8TXZ and Jay/W5JAY will be QRV from the QTH of Ramon, PZ5RA in Paramaribo, Republic of Suriname, from February 13-18th. They also plan a Multi-Single entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th). Look for activity on 160-10m and WARC. Personal calls have been applied for. QSL information to follow. Stay Tuned! [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Nodir, EY8MM will be QRV from Tajikistan during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th), as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m)/High-Power entry. He needs KS, LA, ND, NE, WY on 80m. QSL via K1BV. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Look for Jim, W7EJ to be QRV as CN2R from Morocco during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. WARC and maybe EME before the test. QSL via W7EJ. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Al, F5VHJ will be QRV as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) using the call sign T05A from the island of Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA L-1041). QSL via F5VHJ. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

12/12/2007: To commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society, all Omani stations will sign callsigns/35 from December 12-14th. The ROARS HQ station A47RS will also be QRV as A47RS/35. QSL HQ station via bureau. [ARRL DX News]

12/12/2007: John/G7HIA and Robert/G8ATE will be using the special call sign GB000 (golf bravo ? oscar one) between December 12-16th. The 12th of December is an unofficial OSCAR DAY celebrating the launch of Amateur radio's first satellite Oscar-1. They will be operating only on analogue satellites. Further information can be found at:
www.turlington.supanet.com/ [Southgate ARC]

15/12/2007: Special event station 8J1TFD will be aired from December 15, 2007 until March 31, 2008 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Tokyo Fire Department. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

25/12/2007: Special event station 8N0SNOW will be aired from December 25, 2007 until February 22, 2008 to celebrate the 63rd Winter National Athletic Meet. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special events can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

15/12 KA3UNQ/P: Hawkins Point ARLHS:USA-083 QSL H/C (d)
15/12 KA3UNQ/P: Brewerton Lower Range ARLHS:USA-1103 QSL H/C (d)
15/12 KA3UNQ/P: Fort Carroll ARLHS:USA-290 QSL H/C (d)
15/12 KA3UNQ/P: Leading Point ARLHS:USA-084 QSL H/C (d)
15/12 KA3UNQ/P: Brewerton Upper Range ARLHS:USA-1104 QSL H/C (d)
15/12 KD3CQ/P: Jones Point ARLHS:USA-409 QSL H/C (d)
15/12 KD3CQ/P: Upper Cedar Point ARLHS:USA-867 QSL H/C (d)

15/12 KD3CQ/P: Mathias Point Shoal ARLHS:USA-483 QSL H/C (d)
15/12 OZ5FM/P: Langholm Bagfyr ARLHS:DEN-081 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/12 OZ5FM/P: Langholm Forfyr ARLHS:DEN-082 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/12 OZ5FM/P: Agger Tange Forfyr ARLHS:DEN-190 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/12 OZ5FM/P: Agger Tange Bagfyr ARLHS:DEN-191 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/12 OZ7AEI/P: Langholm Bagfyr ARLHS:DEN-081 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/12 OZ7AEI/P: Langholm Forfyr ARLHS:DEN-082 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/12 OZ7AEI/P: Agger Tange Forfyr ARLHS:DEN-190 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/12 OZ7AEI/P: Agger Tange Bagfyr ARLHS:DEN-191 QSL H/C (d/b)
17/12-31/12 P40CG: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL W2CG (d/LoTW)
22/12-28/12 CT9EPC: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL CT3EE (d)

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U.S. COUNTIES - USA-CA -

15/12/2007: Mark, N2MH will be running mobile on a short trip to Downstate New York on December 15th. He will take a short swing to New York and put out Orange and Sullivan counties. Along the way, Mark will pass through Essex, Morris, and Sussex counties, New Jersey. This will all be in the morning, Eastern Standard Time. He will run Sullivan on 40/30/20 CW and 40/20 SSB. The other counties will be on the same bands as Sullivan starting with CW and on a time available basis. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

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ANOTHER NEW DXCC ENTITY ? -

Kosovo independence not 'if, but when': government official

Kosovo will press ahead with independence plans much earlier than anticipated, a spokesman for the breakaway Serbian province's government said Monday (December 10th), as a United Nations deadline for mediators to resolve its status was set to expire without an agreement. [CBC News]

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ANTARCTIC NEWS -

Gianni, I1HYW is happy to report that he has just received the beautiful 1? Years Award for the Ukrainian Antarctic Station "Akademic Vernadsky" (WAP UKR-?1).

The diploma free-of-charge was issued by Ukrainian Antarctic DX club and UARL, and it had to be requested to: Roman Bratchyk UT7UA, PO Box B-19, Kiev 01001, Ukraine.

More info at WAP web site : www.waponline.it

On the same web site,

<http://www.waponline.it/WapAwards/tabid/61/Default.aspx> , at the AWARD page you can get a view of the most popular & official WW Antarctic Awards. [I1HYW]

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NEW SHORT CALL PREFIXES IN FINLAND -

Call signs with a single letter suffix (OH1A etc.) have been issued to Finnish club stations since 2005. Starting January 2, 2008 these calls can be applied for also by individuals. Call signs are now issued also with the new prefix OG. These calls are valid for five years and may be extended later. [DX Newsletter]

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- The South Cook Islands DXpedition (E51A - E51MMM - E51NNN) blog (e51mmm.blogspot.com/) has been updated with the full story of the trip,

pictures and QSL information. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

- The "WorldLakes Award" will soon be available by Paco Gil, EA50L. All the information is available at: www.worldlakes.blogspot.com/ [EA50L]

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73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ

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